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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A method for treating sepsis comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment a molecule selected from the group consisting of Arg Helix #2, Bis Arg Helix #2, Tris-Arg Helix #3, Tetra-Arg Helix #3, and Tris-Arg Helix #3 Constrained.
2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the molecule is administered to the patient in a pharmaceutical composition comprising the molecule, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor.
3. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said molecule is administered in conjunction with one or more antibiotics.
4. (Withdrawn) A method for detecting endotoxin in a sample comprising
 - providing a molecule selected from the group consisting of Arg Helix #2, Bis Arg Helix #2, Tris-Arg Helix #3, and Tris-Arg Helix #3 Constrained, wherein the molecule is labeled with a detectable label;
 - contacting the sample with the labeled molecule, under conditions that permit the binding of the molecule to any endotoxin in the sample; and
 - detecting the presence of any labeled molecule bound to endotoxin.
5. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 4, wherein the label is a fluorescent label.

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6. (Withdrawn) A method for removing endotoxin in a sample comprising

- providing a molecule selected from the group consisting of Arg Helix #2, Bis Arg Helix #2, Tris-Arg Helix #3, Tetra-Arg Helix #3, and Tris-Arg Helix #3 Constrained, wherein the molecule is bound to a solid support;
- exposing the sample to the molecule bound to a solid support, under conditions that permit the binding of the molecule to any endotoxin in the sample; and
- collecting the sample.

7. (Previously presented) A method for reducing endotoxin levels in the body of a patient, comprising administering to the patient a molecule selected from the group consisting of Arg Helix #2, Bis Arg Helix #2, Tris-Arg Helix #3, Tetra-Arg Helix #3, and Tris-Arg Helix #3 Constrained in an amount sufficient to bind endotoxin in the patient's body.

8. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 7, wherein the molecule is administered to the patient in a pharmaceutical composition comprising the molecule, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefore.

9. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 7, wherein the molecule is administered in conjunction with one or more antibiotics.